



NEWSLETTER

MS. CARTY'S VISIT TO NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE

I am Edita Carty and I have been a St. Thomas patron of the Virgin Islands Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for about 47 years. Over those 47 years, I have read literally thousands of books and magazines. I have always wanted to visit the place in Washington DC, where they produced all of those magnificent books and to have the opportunity to meet some of the people who are responsible for generating those books and magazines that I have been enjoying for so many years.



On Wednesday, March 22, of this year, that long awaited for opportunity finally came. With the help of Ms. Gittens, I was able to obtain an appointment to visit the National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. My husband and I then took a taxi to their location and when we arrived, the security guard greeted us warmly and presented us with our already prepared name tags. The security guard introduced us to our tour guide Ms. MaryBeth Wise, who is also the national consultant to our Virgin Islands Regional Library. MaryBeth then gave us a brief history of the library and outline for us where she will be taking us and then commenced the tour. She took us to every department in the library and introduced us to the employees. (Continue on Page 2)

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I had the chance to touch the many shelves that were stack from top to bottom with books including some of the very old books and outdated machines. We met several of the narrators, along with many of those who write the annotation for the BARD books. Being there at the library was an exciting time for me, I felt like a little kid in a candy store just meeting people and asking questions. Being at the library and enjoying the fabulous and informative tour was certainly a dream come true for me for I have wanted to do that for a very long time. The tour lasted about two hours and was well worth it.

While the tour was in progress we had the privilege to meet the Director for the National Library Service, Karen A. Keninger. By the time it came to leave we had worked up an appetite walking in and out of offices and up and down stairs so we were ready for lunch. Therefore we asked the guard to call a taxi to take us back to our hotel, where we ate in a very delicious and filling lunch.

WHAT IS BARD AND WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH IT?

What is BARD?

- BARD is a National Library Service (NLS) free download service.
- Over 94,657 books and over 121 magazine titles are available; books are added weekly.
- Available to active individual Talking Book Program patrons and institutional account-holders may also be eligible.

How do I register?

Go to <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/VI1A/ApplicationInstructions.html> to apply for a BARD login. You must have active Talking Book Program service and an email address of your own or one you can use. (Continue on Page 3)

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What do I use to store the book or magazine?

After you download your book or magazine from <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/login> depending on which machine you are using, you may store the book or magazine on a digital cartridge, flash drive, or other storage device (i.e., flash card). If using the NLS machine, then use Option 1 or Option 2 (below). If using a commercial machine, call us to find out which option is best. We do not supply any of these storage media; you will need to purchase them.

Option 1: NLS-type digital cartridge. Available for purchase from participating vendors. If we download the books we can use the green cartridge or supply a peach cartridge. The cartridge must be checked out and can be reloaded many times once it is returned. Contact information is provided upon request. You will need a cable to connect the cartridge to your computer during download/transfer process.

Option 2: Standard USB flash drive (also called thumb drive, jump drive). Available at most large retail stores or electronics stores. Some flash drives work better than others with this player; contact us for more information.

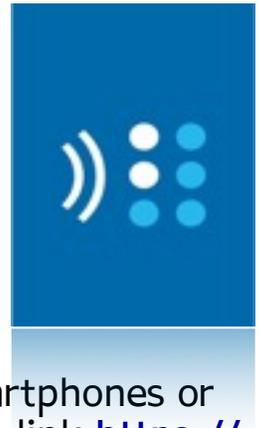
Can I store more than one book on the same (cartridge, flash drive, other device)?

Yes, but if you are using the NLS DTBM. to play your downloads and you received your machine before about mid-September 2009 you must have a software update in order to use Bookshelf feature to move between books. You can get the latest update at <http://www.loc.gov/nls/DTBM/> If you have this update, you can access the Bookshelf feature on your DTBM by pressing and holding Play/Stop key until it says "Bookshelf," then using FF and RW keys to move forward and backward between titles. When you reach the title you want, press Play.



BARD EXPRESS

NLS has listened to your issues about using BARD. So they have designed a Windows operating program called BARD Express. You can download this software to your personal computer running (versions - XP, Vista, 7, 8, 8.1 and 10) to download your books. The goal of the software is to simplify login in, searching, browsing, downloading and transferring the reading material from BARD website to your cartridge or jump drive. You can not use BARD Express with any mobile devices. It is not meant to be used with your smartphones or tablets. For more information you can check out this youtube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ol62uEE8jh8&list=PLpAGnumt6iV5ycDQt9Y-GoQnd9uIXNU0pa>



If you have any questions about BARD Express or BARD please call (340) 718-2250.



PLEASE TURN IN C01 MACHINES

If you have a C01 machine and the box is available, please bring or mail the machine to the Library. We are no longer using them and they need to be sent to a National disposal site. If you need any help or have questions please call us at (340) 718-2250.

REMEMBERING OUR CLIENTS

Alton Krigger, Randolph Wilson, Conrad Gaskin and Victor Gonzales and all the departed patrons throughout the years of the Library.

We lost some longtime and wonderful patrons this year. Our hope is that they find hundreds of books where they are going. We will miss them here on Earth. Our condolences to their families.

From,

Ms. Gittens and the Staff





BESTSELLERS READING

- Catherine Anderson - New Leaf DB 83807, Coming up Roses DB 74912, Perfect Timing DB 76508, Walking on Air DB 78292, Only by your Touch DB 57588
- Reshonda Tate Bilingsley - Can I Get a Witness DB 67645, Caught Up in the Drama DB 71603, Say Amen, Again DB 74195, Friends & Foes DB 77404, Devil Is a Lie DB 69874
- Jude Deveraux - Awakening DB 29815, Blessing DB 47668, Return to Summerhouse DB 67155, First Impressions DB 62317, Forever and Always DB 57049, Secrets DB 66866, Someone to Love DB 65018
- John Grisham - Innocent Man DB 63332, Broker DB 58930, Client DB 35890, Chamber DB 38861, Associate DB 67858, Playing for Pizza DB 65195, Appeal DB 65629
- Stephen King - Three Classic Tales of Horror DB 55192, Bag of Bones 46711
- James Patterson - French Twist DB 87478, Hidden DB 87673, Black and Blue DB 87671, 15th Affair DB 84176, Private Paris DB 83616, Humans Bow Down DB 87480
- Danielle Steel - Honor Thyself DB 65913, Award DB 86699, The Mistress DB 86920



HOW LONG MAY I CHECK OUT BOOKS?

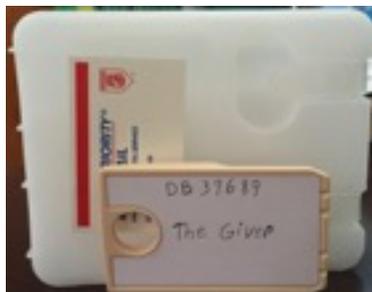
The DB books are checked out for a one month period. These are the cartridges in the blue cases. Please remember to return the books when you finish listening to them. There are other patrons that would like to read them too, and are likely waiting to read them. Thank you!

If you are not using your digital machine return it. We need to give them to other clients who love to read!



The Virgin Islands Regional Library has been in the Virgin Islands since 1968 when it started in St. Thomas. After relocating to Frederiksted, St. Croix first, in 1992 it was moved to Christiansted, St. Croix at its present location. The Library is part of the Library of Congress Network of the Libraries for Blind and Physically Handicapped. It provides audio digital books free of charge to persons who are unable to utilize traditional books. The Library has transitioned to the digital age with the introduction of digital players, books and related technology, like "apps." The Library of Congress/National Library Service came into existence in 1931 for blind residents in the U.S. but over the years has expanded its size and scope of services.

The Library's local administrative agency is the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums in the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands.



WE WANT OUR BOOKS BACK!

Our records show that some of you have **overdue materials...**

- Be a good neighbor; share your good reads.
- Please return books on time.
- Magazine cartridges (Red case/Blue cartridge) must be mailed back.

•Downloaded books (White case/Peach cartridge)

•Don't want to bother with due dates? Download!

We can teach you how...**BARD** (Braille and Audio Reading Download) offers digital books and magazines to borrow as long as you like.

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That All May Read

Staff

LETITIA G. GITTENS,
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LLOYD "SONNY"
BARNES, LIBRARY AIDE



ULA FRETT,
LIBRARY COORDINATOR



NINA GARCIA,
LIBRARY TECH II

